





## To-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, 14th June, 1897. [937]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.  
No. 77.

NOTICE is hereby given that TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and 23rd instants, being the days appointed for the Celebration of the completion of the SIXTIETH YEAR of the REIGN of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, will be observed as HOLIDAYS at the Kowloon Customs Office, Optics Examination Office and Stations.  
All Examination of Cargo and Clearances of Junks will be suspended on these dates.  
H. M. MILLER,  
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.

Custom House,  
Kowloon, 14th June, 1897. [940]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [915]

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Hongkong, 14th June, 1897. [936]

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1897.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE P. W. D. AGAIN!

With the habitual consideration for the convenience of the public, especially of the Chinese portion of it, which has always distinguished the Public Works Department, that Department is preparing vigorously for the complete and thorough overhaul and repair of Queen's Road West, and in anticipation of the Chinese processions to defile through that thoroughfare next week and of the immense crowds of Chinese likely to accompany the processions, is laying down all along Queen's Road West from the Sailors' Home to considerably beyond the Hospital and Chinese theatre and on both sides of the road, large heaps of rocks and stones and other material for metalling. This section of Queen's Road is probably the narrowest in the whole length of it from east to west and as a rule the most crowded. It is not easy to get along it at any time or under any circumstances during the busiest parts of the day, even when it is kept quite clear and is at its best. What will be the state of affairs next week with all the world of Chinatown in the streets and mile-long processions struggling along with heavy burdens, and a considerable portion of the roadway blocked up with piles of stone and rubbish? How good, too, of the P. W. D. to make ample provision of missiles for the rowdy element of the community should any difference of opinion arise between them and the Police on any question!

WHAT IS OUR NEUTRALITY WORK?

A few pages of the last *Gazette* are taken up by Her Majesty's Proclamation of Neutrality in the war between Turkey and Greece. We do not like to say "late war" for, so far as Reuter goes, the war is not formally at an end yet and may break out again in a fresh place at any moment. The first thing that struck us in looking over this proclamation was how entirely inconsistent with the declarations contained in the preamble of it has been our conduct in Crete, where, instead of being neutral, we are deliberately tying the hands of the Greeks and preventing them from completing the conquest of the island, and how difficult it will be for Her Majesty's Government to justify itself for not preventing the exodus from England of so many Volunteers for service with the Hellenic forces, and for not punishing the Members of Parliament who sent addresses to the

King of Greece congratulating him on his action. But when we came to examine the clauses of *The Foreign Enlistment Act* one by one, as cited in this Proclamation, we found to our surprise that there was no prohibition of volunteering and no punishment for any Volunteer, provided that he did not accept any Commission from or enter into any engagement with the Greek Government. So long as he gave his aid in the war as a free-lance and contracted no obligation to the Greek Government to serve in any particular place or for any particular time, he was free from any penalties under the Act. It seems a strange omission, and must evidently have been present to the minds of the many Englishmen who have taken part as Volunteers on the Greek side in the recent battles in Thessaly. As neither Turks nor Greeks have any possessions in this part of the world, nor any vessels of war, and as none are likely ever to come this way, the publication of the Proclamation, especially at this late stage of the proceedings, seems a little like an absurdity. If prompt instructions had been wired out on the first outbreak of the War to issue a proclamation here, to come into force at once, there would have been some show of reason in it; but to proclaim a neutrality to take effect, so far as the use of our ports, harbours, coasts and territorial waters are concerned, six days from Saturday last is to reduce the whole proceeding to a mere matter of red-tape and bunkum.

"I FOUND IT BRICK; I LEFT IT STONE."  
We note in the *Gazette* "Particulars and Conditions" of a sale of land on the Bowen Road, north of the filter beds, Inland Lot 1416, with an area of 161,000 sq. feet at an annual Crown rental of \$1110 and an upset price of \$14,490. We have already called attention to the fact that the rental is at the rate of \$300 an acre for this well situated land, so admirably suited for buildings of the best class, as compared with \$3,500 per acre for the new Tai-ping-shan lots. We now call attention to the fact that the "conditions" require stone and not brick houses to be erected there. Is not this a mistake that needs correction; or does His Excellency the Governor really entertain the idea conveyed in our headline?

RECKLESSNESS OR CARELESSNESS?

Our discomfiture in the Tochi Valley with a loss of six officers and fifty Sepoys, killed and wounded out of a force not exceeding, apparently, four hundred men, spells great recklessness or very great carelessness on the part of some one. That a political officer was travelling to his destination, wherever it was, with such an escort, infantry and guns, with a Colonel in command of the Force, shows that the country was disturbed, that the attitude of the tribes was uncertain, and that resistance was anticipated. If so, the column should have been conducted as if in an enemy's country, and if so conducted it should not have allowed itself to be, as Reuter's telegram says it was, surprised. Any force may be overwhelmed and beaten back by superior numbers, or in an attack on a strongly defended position, but that a force moving through a confessedly hostile country should be surprised at noon-day is not creditable to the force or to its commanders. The surprise seems to have been so complete that the column not merely suffered a heavy loss but was completely defeated, broken up, and pursued by an undisciplined enemy for many miles. We can find no trace in the latest Indian papers to hand of any trouble in the neighbourhood of the Tochi Valley, so can give no indication as to the motives or object of the mission that has ended so disastrously. Tochi is a river running into the Kurun on the frontiers of Afghanistan, about half way between the line of the Khyber and Bolan Passes.

The only item of news appearing to have any bearing on the region in which this disaster happened is contained in a short telegram, dated Bombay May 27th, to the *Calcutta Statesman* stating that, "It is reported at Lahore that Sadr Khan of Nowagar is attempting to occupy Mital, a disputed spot lately vacated by the Ameer's troops, but owing to some old enmity the Musa Khel tribes have been writing to the Ameer complaining that the incident may give rise to trouble on the frontier. It is stated that Sadr Khan is busily engaged raising a force of cavalry for which he is buying Waziri horses." It therefore seems probable that Colonel Buxton's force was accompanying a political officer detailed to investigate the troubles on the frontier and settle disputes in favour, as far as possible, of our ally, the Ameer of Afghanistan.

## REUTER'S MESSAGES.

A BRITISH OFFICER'S ESCORT ATTACKED.

LONDON, June 11th.

A political officer escorted by 2 guns and 300 native infantry was surprised and attacked at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Tochi Valley by Maliket, who pursued them for several miles. Colonel Buxton of the 1st Sikhs, Captain Browne, (son of the late Sir J. Browne) and Lieut. Cruickshank of the Bombay Mountain Battery, were killed. Surgeon-Captain Higginson, Lieut. Higginson, of the 1st Sikhs, and Lieut. Seton-Brown, of the 1st Punjab Infantry, were severely wounded, and fifty Sepoys were killed and wounded.

ENGLAND AND THE TRANSVAAL.  
The Transvaal Volksraad has proclaimed a public holiday on Jubilee Day.

COLONIAL JUBILEE CONTINGENTS.

The Duke of Connaught reviewed 300 of the Colonial Contingent quartered at Chelms barracks. A dozen different colonies were represented, including Hongkong and the Straits Settlements.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Spring Regatta was held at Shanghai on the 5th inst. and proved very successful.

MR. JUSTICE LEACH won the June monthly medal of the Singapore Golf Club with a net score of 86.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the ratification of the Burma Agreement was exchanged at Peking on the 5th instant.

ENTRIES for the Jubilee Gymkhana close to the Hon. Secretary, Hongkong Club, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th instant.

His Excellency the Governor has directed that the Government Offices shall be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 22nd and 23rd June.

THE Kowloon Customs office will be closed on the 22nd and 23rd inst., and the examination of cargo and clearance of junks will be suspended on those days.

ASSISTANCE has been sent from Cheloo in the shape of a tug and salvage gear to the stranded steamer *Sultan*, and it is hoped that some of the cargo will be salvaged.

COLONEL ALEXANDER, R.E., (the new Colonial Engineer, Straits Settlements) and Mrs. Alexander, arrived at Singapore on the 6th instant from London.

THE harbour excursion announced for Saturday night did not take place owing to some unexplained reason. A number of people assembled on Pedder's Wharf at the advertised time and after vainly waiting for a while they realised that the trip was "off."

THE members of the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteers Corps meet at the parade ground at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday next for drill with the maxim guns. This will not interfere with operations of the present machine gun company but simply extend the usefulness of the Corps generally.

MYSTERY Butterfield and Swire notify by advertisement in this issue that first-class passengers can now be carried by their West River liner *Winglong* to Wanchow and way ports. The cost of a first-class ticket is \$10 each way, and Europeans can procure meals and refreshment on board at tariff rates.

THE committee appointed by the German Emperor to carry out the arrangements for the yacht race from Dover to Heligoland for a silver trophy to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, recently met at Grosvenor House. It was decided that the race should take place on 23rd June and the starting arrangements have been undertaken by the Royal Yacht Club.

JUBILEE suggestions grow in number. A startling suggestion comes from a newspaper published in Cape Colony. It is that, instead of having, as at present, twelve irregular months, there should be thirteen of uniform length, and that the month thus added should be christened "Victoria."—Well, that would be O. K. if it carried with it thirteen months' pay to the year. But would all the Tai-pan infanteries agree to it? SEVERAL of the leading hotelkeepers lately made application for permission to keep their licensed premises open for an hour or two later than usual during the Jubilee celebration. The Government declined to accede to the request, but there is apparently no limit to the hours in which the Chinese restaurants may remain open, not only for the sale of food but of intoxicating liquors as well, to say nothing of the "musical" nuisance for which these places have such an unenviable notoriety.

ON May 8th the telegraph ship *Monarch* laid across the English Channel a new telephone cable, making the second which now connects England and France. The cable is 24 miles in length and contains two separate metallic circuits. The French end was landed at Sanguet, four miles west of Calais, the English end being landed at Abbot's Cliff, three miles west of Dover. A third cable is to be laid by the French Government, and is now being constructed. The new cables are intended for general use in England and France.

THE Kaiser is keeping up his reputation as an artist. News came to hand by the mail that "Then and Now" is the title of a tabular statement regarding the German Navy in 1886 and 1896, which the Emperor has sent to be hung up in the Library of the Reichstag. "Then and Now" (parallel, equally suggestive of desirable improvement at the present time, might be conveyed by two pictures of the Heads of the Empire: 1886, the reverend William I., with Bismarck, Moltke, and the Crown Prince by his side; and 1896, William II. standing alone, with Bismarck kneeling in the far background.

THE Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury* reports under date and June that so far as concerns the Peking-Hankow Railway, Sheng Tsaoai and his followers are busy, by the help of Dr. John Dudgeon, making the contract of the "Eastern Contract Company, Limited," although His Ex. Chang Chih-tung prefers the Belgian syndicate. Sheng Tsaoai, it is said, differs from Chang, therefore Dr. Dudgeon and his followers are the favorites in Peking, but when all is finally settled it is thought that the Prince Uchomsky and his followers will have the preference. It is, of course, on the cards that they are at work through the Belgian syndicate.

THE new Regulations just issued for the Entry of Naval Cadets provide for six cadetships instead of four to be given annually to sons of gentlemen in the Colonies. The number of service cadetships is also raised from five to seven. The nominations and examinations will take place twice instead of twice a year as formerly. Cadets will, on passing out of the *Britannia*, rank according to the amount of sea time they obtain at their final examination, and those who obtain equal amounts of sea time will rank in the order of merit in which they pass out of the *Britannia*. Eight months' sea time can be obtained for a first-class pilot.

THE *Times* states that medals in gold, silver, and bronze, the gold and silver ones in two sizes, are to be issued by the Royal Mint in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's accession. The prices will be:—Large gold, £13; large silver, 10s.; large bronze, 4s.; small gold, £3; small silver, 1s.

At the Royal United Service Institution recently Mr. E. W. Maunders gave a lecture on "Modern Solar Eclipse Observations." After describing the various phenomena of the eclipse he pointed out the brevity of the opportunities for work. Since 1860 there had been 21 solar eclipses of which observations were practicable, and the duration of totality being less than four minutes in each, in the 36 years an astronomer could not possibly have observed the sun in total eclipse for more than one hour and 20 minutes.

THE Foundling Hospital in Canton, carried on by the Berlin Women's Union for China, has now a number of its former children working zealously, not only in China, but in Singapore, California, Honolulu, and Australia. One girl, married to a doctor, has been working for ten years in a town very hostile to foreigners. Another former pupil dwells with her husband about three weeks' journey up the river from Canton. The Christian community has increased so much that the husband has been ordained and made pastor of the church.—*Allgemeine Missionstheologische*.

A LEADING Manchester firm, says the *N. C. Daily News*, reports as follows, under date the 17th April, on some samples of yarn spun by the International Mill at Shanghai:—"We have examined the yarn and cannot find any fault in the spinning. On the contrary, we can only congratulate the Company on the result. The quality is quite distinct, being very superior to Indian yarns both as regards strength, colour, and cleanliness, and finer than yarns spun from American cotton, though naturally not as strong, the staple being so much shorter. Still we should prefer it even to such for some purposes."

THE new ball room at the Mount Austin Hotel is to be opened with a ball on Monday, 21st inst. The room, which is 75 ft. by 35 ft., is entirely separate from the main building, being built upon part of the tennis lawn. The design is very handsome, the Ionic pilasters setting off the interior to good effect while the splendid gas chandeliers form a handsome addition to the general surroundings. The floor is of highly polished teak and the ceiling is also of wood. The deep verandah is practically a part of the ball room, there being no windows or doors intervening but only a few supporting columns, so that an almost uninterrupted view can be gained of the dancers.

THE Department of State at Washington has published a volume on the trade of the world for the past year. The scope and design of the work are explained in a circular from the Assistant-Secretary of State to the Consuls of the United States. The Consuls were directed to furnish a comprehensive report upon the industries and trade of the countries in which they resided, showing as nearly as possible their condition at the time of writing, and more especially their relation to the commerce of the United States. The chief object of the work is the increase of the trade of the United States with foreign countries and to enable American manufacturers to study the best methods of competing with foreign rivals.

AN article in the *Marine Rundschau* discusses the comparative strength of the navies of Europe, and arrives at the following conclusions:—"There is only one sea Power of the first rank—England. The French navy is barely half as strong, and France must consequently be classified as a sea Power of the second rank. As none of the other naval Powers are equal to France they are placed in the third class, which includes the Russian, the United States, the Japanese, the Italian, and the German fleets. Expressing the fighting value of the various fleets in terms of units, the author of the article estimates the English fleet at 1001, the French at 456, the Russian at 280, the American at 185, and the Japanese at 170.

FROM returns recently published in England we find that prison punishments are extremely few in number as compared with prison punishments in Hongkong. We extract the following figures by way of illustration.—In 1895 there were 205,004 prisoners in local prisons in England and Wales, of whom 155,555 were males, and 49,449 females. Of these, 16,390 or about 10 per cent of the males and 17,900 or about 35 per cent of the females, were punished while 88 or 100 per cent of males received corporal punishment. Thus only 14 per cent of the total number of prisoners were punished at all. In Hongkong in 1896 the prisoners numbered 5,824 and the prison offences numbered 3,887 or about 70 per cent. These figures do not compare favourably with the English ones and the not unusual conclusion is that there is something defective in the management of the gaol here.

THE May number of the *Navy League Journal*, just to hand, contains some very readable and instructive articles, among which we may mention an interesting paper on "Our Fleet in 1900" by Admiral Sir R. Very Hamilton, G.C.B. Mr. W. J. Rivington, the proprietor of *The Miller*, contributes a letter upon the "Food Supply of the United Kingdom" in which he points out the inadequacy of our home grown wheat supply in the event of war, and sets forth his proposals for a small duty on foreign wheat by which such encouragement might be given to the farmer as would induce him to turn his attention again to the growth of cereals and so remove the fear of famine were our foreign supply suddenly cut off by war. Captain Mahan's book "The Life of Nelson" is reviewed at length as also is "Imperial Defence" by the Rt. Hon. Sir C. W. Dill and "The Federal Defence of Australia" by G. C. Craig. An appeal for the purchase and preservation of the *Grampian*, the second oldest ship in the Navy, is made by Mr. W. H. J. Haller, while the "Notes" contain much interesting matter in connection with Naval affairs generally. The Navy League announces that arrangements have been made by which members will be enabled to witness the great Naval Review at Portsmouth on June 14th.



THE official list of the British troops ordered to be in London on Jubilee Day shows that they will number 46,061 men, and 5,715 horses, and will have 108 guns.

A COOLIE going along Wellington Street to-day with two large jars of *ramisaw*, dropped one and broke it on the road. The pungent smell of the spirit filled the air for many yards around, and the street, which is not likely to ever flow with milk and honey, had for a time a miniature river of wine running down the side channel.

A TELEGRAM published in Batavia from Macassar dated 31st May states that the steamer *Nachigau* which ran aground on Deer Island in February and was towed to Macassar, was sold at public auction to Thong Tam for £1,200. From the price paid it would appear that the damage the ship sustained was not very great.

In the Supreme Court to-day, before His Lordship the Chief Justice, an application was made by the defendants in the suit *Han Ching Chow and others v. Chow Nam* and others, for the appointment of a receiver to take in moneys, books, &c., of the *Lee Shing* pawnshop, Shanki-wo, and to manage the affairs of the shop. Mr. J. F. Francis, Q.C., (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings) who appeared for the defendants, submitted to the Court that the parties were likely to come to an amicable settlement and he therefore asked his Lordship to postpone the motion *sine die*. The request was granted. Mr. E. Robinson (instructed by Mr. Bowley) appeared for the complainants.

THE two men charged with being concerned in an armed robbery of clothing, jewellery and money from a junk off Soncecutters' Island on the night of the 2nd inst., were brought up on remand at the Magistrate's this afternoon. The owner of the junk gave evidence. He said that he was sleeping in an upper bunk when he was awakened by the barking of his dog. Three men armed with revolvers came into his cabin and took away all the moveables, valued about \$140, including \$20 cash. The men's faces were blackened. He was present when the things stolen were found in the defendants' possession and some in pawnshops. The case is remanded till to-morrow morning.

CALCUTTA *Indian Engineering* hears that Dr. Lawson, one of the authorities on plague who was invited by the Government of India, on account of his experience in connection with that epidemic in Hongkong to go to Bombay and act as one of the advisers of Government, and who was afterwards appointed to be one of the Plague Commissioners, is on a visit to Bengal. He has been inspecting the various parts of Calcutta in company with the Health Officer, and will, it is understood, after noting the special conditions prevailing, advise the Bengal Government in regard to the organization and general scheme of operations to be put into working order should plague be imported into Calcutta.

THE Queen has decided that in June every member of her Household who has belonged to it for fifty years is to receive a gold medal. Those who have served for twenty-five years are to have a silver medal. Those who have served less than twenty-five years, but more than ten years, will receive a bar badge, and the Jubilee medal which was given to most members of the Household in 1887.

THE three filter beds being made on the hillside below Bowen Road and above the Powder Magazine will have a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons per diem, and the covered service reservoir will hold 600,000. A cast iron main will connect this service reservoir with the existing distribution system and the service reservoir at Whanchang. On the catchwater reservoir near Wongchicking Gap work is steadily progressing. The catchwater is to discharge into the reservoir, from which the water will be conveyed by a cast iron main in a diameter to the Tytan conduit. To the west of the Tytan Valley another catchwater is also being constructed.

It will be remembered that some time ago an alligator carried off a Malay policeman after knocking him overboard and off his boat in Lower Perak. This terrible "croc," says the *Perak Pioneer*, caused the death of another Malay at Kempong Teluk. Major Bera in the *Deputy* when on May 11th. Two boats were out fishing when the alligator, suddenly rising up to the surface, overturned one of them with a blow of its powerful tail. It then seized its prey before the occupant of the other boat could render any assistance, and disappeared. On receipt of the report, the Corporal at Kota Sita and a number of villages turned out, and they came across the brute several hours afterwards with the unfortunate man still in its terrible jaws. The Corporal fired, but is not sure that he hit the reptile. It, however, dropped its burden and dived away. The body was then picked up and brought ashore. This has so frightened the people living in that locality that the Pengulu offers twenty-five cents from every house in the mukim as a reward to any one who will despatch the man-eater.

#### CHOLERA IN JAVA.

MILD AT SOERABAYA; RAGING AT CHERIBON. Batavia correspondence published in the *Singapore Free Press* on the 7th inst. contains the following in reference to an outbreak of cholera in Java.

Several cases of cholera are reported again in Soerabaya. A lady was attacked by the disease on Saturday and taken to hospital. Three cases have occurred on board the *gras*-ship. On board the Danish ship *Sirius* one of the sailors was severely wounded and conveyed to hospital whilst in hospital symptoms of cholera were observed. The ship is in quarantine and will be disinfectant.

Another case of cholera occurred on board one of the steamers lying in the docks. All possible measures have been taken to disinfect the ship, and she will fly the quarantine flag at the first port she touches.

The *Tjirimal* steamer that is Djailangkong (Cheribon) the cholera is raging. Several natives have died.

One or two cases of cholera are reported in Priok, and small-pox is prevalent in Waltevreda, especially in the kampongs. According to reports from the Resident of Madjilanga (Cheribon) up to the 22nd inst. 60 cases of cholera occurred, spread over 9 districts.

An experiment will be made in the hospital here, for the treatment of Asiatic cholera according to the system of Dr. Chamberlain.

On the 25th May 5 deaths from cholera occurred in Soerabaya.

#### THE PROSPECTS OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

The *Produce World* of 7th May contains an article by Mr. W. B. Fryer on the "Prospects of Commercial Development and Planting in British North Borneo." After describing the situation, physical characteristics, &c., of the country, Mr. Fryer goes on to review the various products and their prospect of development. The curing and salting of fish for the China market, he says, should result in a large and lucrative business in the future, the market being endless. Cutch made from mangrove bark is already being placed on the market, the export of this article for 1895 amounting to 114,000 dollars. India rubber, gutta percha and rattans have been largely exterminated in the wild state but will pay to plant and cultivate. Timber is well worthy of attention in the opinion of Mr. Fryer, particularly now that China appears to be about to construct railways in real earnest. The greater part of North Borneo is virgin forest and the amount of good timber per acre is reckoned at 200 tons. The metals and minerals are next touched upon and then comes agriculture. Cocoanuts are pointed out as being remunerative, while coffee, for which statistics are given, should amply repay the cultivator for his outlay and within a few years yield a substantial profit. Cotton and gambler grow well, the former commanding about \$20 per picul in Hongkong. Manila hemp grows well and specimens from Borneo have been favourably reported upon in London. Sugar, though it takes long to grow, pays well, while sugar cane flourishes and yields juice of more than ordinary density and very easily convertible into sugar. Mr. Fryer is of opinion that sugar is bound to be North Borneo's main export sooner or later. Tobacco cultivation although attended with many drawbacks is progressing and the export of 1895 totalled \$1,107,749 worth. In conclusion, Mr. Fryer says "when it is made clear from actual demonstration that coffee, copra, land and other things under proper management are almost as safe as Consols, and far and away more remunerative, there will be no lack of applicants for farms and plantations and no lack of capital to work them."

#### A SHIP'S OFFICER IN TROUBLE.

Henry Gibbs, a second mate living in the *Salvador* Home, was charged at the Police Court this morning with stealing \$50 from H. J. Strely, an unemployed engineer residing in the same place. Mr. Strely, sworn, said that at 2 p.m. on the 10th he took out \$5 from his box and after locking it accidentally left the keys on the table. The defendant was standing by and saw him. On the 11th a friend of his told him that the defendant had taken \$50 from his box. That afternoon he missed \$50 from his box. He last saw the money on the 10th when he opened the box. The key which he left on the table on the 10th was in the same place as he found it on the 11th. Another man slept in the same room but he was not present when witness opened the box. The defendant told him on the 11th that he was short of money and did not know how to get on. Duncan Bowie said that he was a seaman unemployed, and slept in the same room with the witness. On the night of the 11th while witness was in bed the defendant came into the room drunk. He heard money clinking in his pocket. Maurice Knight, P.C. 9, said that about 3 p.m. on the 11th he was called in to the *Salvador* Home by the complainant who told him that \$50 from his box was missing. He said he suspected the defendant. He arrested the defendant at 6 p.m. that day. On being searched at the station \$28.38 was found in his pocket. Before the money was found he said that he had drawn \$20 from the captain of the *Wingston*, but he denied this after he was charged. The case was then remanded till to-morrow morning, to enable defendant to call witnesses.

#### MILITARY NOTES.

SINGAPORE, June 7th. It is considered possible that the long delay in appointing a new Officer Commanding Royal Artillery may be accounted for by the prospect that Major Wace, R.A., may return here in that capacity. Lt. Col. A. L. Lane, R.A., who was understood to have been the officer destined for the post, has now been sent to Falmouth. The two companies of Garrison Artillery here (21st Company S.D., Major Matthews R.A., late Major Matthews R.A., and 35th Company S.D., late Major Matthews R.A.) will leave Singapore in October for Hongkong. The Hongkong companies (12th Co. S.D. & 35th Co. S.D.) come to Singapore to relieve them.

In the ordinary course of garrison relief the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, now stationed here is due to arrive in England on the 3rd January. But the conviction remains strong that on relief they will go home via the Cape, so as to permit of their being despatched there, if wanted. It was some expectation that the 1st York and Lancaster Regiment might be allowed to remain on there and the battalion to follow them, as at first arranged, might be stopped here to take the place of the Rifle Brigade. But nothing certain is known as to this, and the probability now is that the relief will stand as ordered, the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade (Royal Lancaster) Regiment (the 4th) coming on to Hongkong from Malta.

In the orders of the Ceylon Volunteers it is notified that Mr. Arthur Clement Smith (son of our former Governor, Sir Cecil Clement Smith) is appointed a 2nd Lieut. in the Corps.—*Free Press*.

#### TO DESTROY WHITE ANTS.

The Superintendent of the Government Botanical Garden, Sabarapore, India, in a recent report, mentions a paint used against white ant attacks on trees. The ingredients are said to be a part of resin of *Gardania gumifera* (Dikamallu), a parts assafetida, a parts benzoin, a parts castor-oil cake. These are well powdered, mixed, and kept in water for two weeks. When thoroughly mixed, and forming a thick compound, water is added to make it into the consistency of paint. The mixture is then ready, and if applied to a height of a foot will check not only attacks of white ants, but also of other insect pests. The effect, it is said, will last for two years or more. The cost of preparation is trifling.

#### LATEST NEWS FROM INDIA.

END OF THE PLAGUE. BOMBAY, May 27th. The Plague at Bombay has almost disappeared. INCREASE OF INTEREST. BOMBAY, May 28th. The Bank of Bombay has raised the rate of interest to 10 per cent.

FAMINE RELIEF. The numbers under famine relief in India and Burma, as given "now," stand at an appalling figure—just over four millions.

A BAD DEATH FROM CHOLERA. TROUBLED, May 24th. Mr. Priest, Commissioner of Jubulpore, died yesterday from a severe form of cholera. He was buried at 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Priest had only returned the day previous from Sagor, apparently in good health.

MAHOMEDANS AND THE TURKISH VICTORIES. BOMBAY, May 24th. The Mahomedans of Bombay have decided to observe Friday, the 28th inst., as a great holiday in honour of the success achieved by the Turks over the Greeks. Public prayers will be held at the several Mosques, which will be brilliantly illuminated. It is believed that the option of the community to illuminate their houses and streets. The same day a mass meeting will be held in Mowlatiakhana, where a congratulatory message to be wired to the Sultan of Turkey will be approved.

A FIRE IN A CHURCH. CALCUTTA, May 26th. A serious fire occurred on Sunday in St. Thomas's Roman Catholic Church, Middleton Row, during the evening service. The altar, roof, and the ornamental canopy, the crucifix and crucifix were all in a blaze. There was a panic among the congregation; some ran frantically towards the doors, but several others helped to put out the fire and succeeded in restoring order. So much damage was done that it was impossible to proceed with the service.

A JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP. The Countess of Elgin, being desirous of commemorating the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign, has given £100 in order to form an extra scholarship to be called "The Diamond Jubilee Scholarship."

THE QUEEN'S COMMEMORATION FUND. The Maharajah Gaskwar of Baroda has promised a donation of Rs. 1000 to the Calcutta Queen-Empress Commemoration Fund.

#### THE BELGIAN LOAN.

We learn from Hankow that the contract for the Belgian Loan was signed at Weichang on the 30th ultimo, and that amongst the stipulations was one that Sheng engaged on his part to raise a minimum of two millions sterling, the contractors engaging on their side to complete the loan by the year 1903. This was a more unfavourable offer than was made in other quarters, a responsible syndicate having offered to sign a contract to complete it within two years. Li Hung-chang is said to have thrown his influence in favour of the Belgian syndicate, and this combined with that of Chang Chih-tung proved too much for the Government at Peking.—*Mercury*.

As already stated in these columns, Prince Ukhomski and suite arrived at Peking on the 21st ultimo, but owing to the absence of the Emperor at Eho Park it appears that the special Russian Ambassador did not have the audience until the 26th of the month. In the meantime the Russian Prince stayed at the Russian legation instead of the quarters specially prepared for them near the Board of Rites. The time between their arrival and their audience of the Emperor was occupied with visits and return visits between the Ambassadors, the Ministers of the Grand Council, the Ministry of War, and the Tse-tsi Yamen. On the 26th, the day of the audience—his Majesty having returned on the afternoon of the 25th—the special Russian Ambassador presented an autograph of the Emperor and presented the list of presents sent to His Majesty Kuang Hui by their Sovereign, and impressed upon the Emperor that several of the presents had been personally selected by his Russian Majesty. The Emperor smiled and said he would "value them all the more for this." The audience took place in the usual Throne-hall—the Wen Hua Zhen. It is reported that the Russian Ambassador also wished to present the Tsarina's gifts to the Empress Dowager personally, and have requested a private audience to do so; but it is not yet settled whether this audience will be accorded, although there ought not to be any difficulty, since Manchurian ladies are accustomed to meet male guests at their own homes.—*N. C. Daily News*.

CHINESE "SOLDIERS" IN THEIR ELEMENT. As already stated in a paragraph in yesterday's issue of this paper, the recent disbandment of the majority of the territorial regiments of this province by Imperial decree has thrown upon the country at large a large number of the able-bodied desperadoes, who not having been given enough money to carry them back to their homes in the Yangtze valley are being forced into seeking a living by the precarious profession of robbery and piracy. The native papers are therefore filled with almost daily reports of brigandage or piracy happening in one place or another in the region embracing the prefectures of Soochow and Changchong, the cities where the disbanded men took place. Passenger boats plying on the inland creeks are also not exempt from the visits of these marauders, who go aboard in gangs of thirty to fifty, and who turn from robbers into pirates by the simple method of carrying off by force any empty boats they happen to find and sailing up or down the river on a short cruise for prey. After piracy, the marauders generally return to the land, abandoning their boats wherever it is most convenient to them. The pirates on brigands, whatever they may be, have been lately as near Shanghai as Ningning and in twenty-four hours are reported to have robbed a passenger boat of its cargo and the passengers of their personal effects to the tune of \$1,500; looted three port boats carrying raw opium valued at a total of \$6,500, and landed to plunder some houses in a small village on the banks of the Soochow Creek, carrying away over \$900 worth of money and valuables. It is hard pressed by the authorities it is most probable that these disbanding soldiers will join the Koloas Hui who are reported not only to be "big" for lawlessness.—*N. C. Daily News*.

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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896. [34]

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Hongkong, 9th June, 1897. [11]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [929]

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Hongkong, 10th June, 1897. [924]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [933]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [328]

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"TAIKANG."

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Hongkong, 11th June, 1897. [97]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1897. [904]

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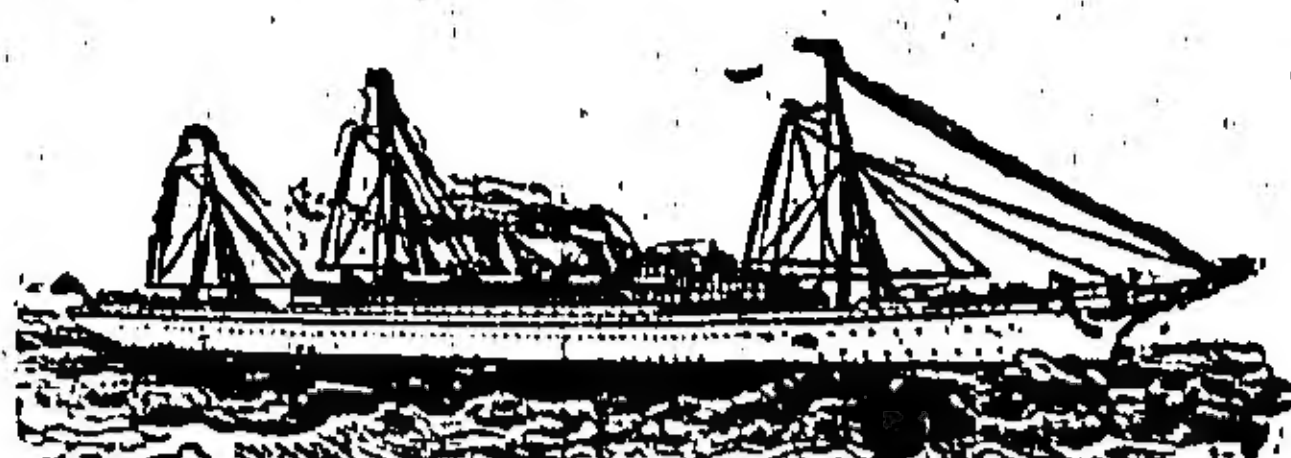
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Hongkong, 9th June, 1897. [3]

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Hongkong, 26th May, 1897. [6]

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1897. [39]

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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd June, 1897. [5]

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Bayern ... Tuesday ... 7th Dec.

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1897. [340]

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